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Sir:

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action dated December 18, 2001 making a restriction requirement and is submitted with an appropriate extension petition.

**REMARKS**

A restriction requirement between Group I - claim 18 drawn to the embodiment of a non-human mammalian cell; Group II - claims 1-8 and 14-15 drawn to the embodiment of a method of identifying the presence of CD94/NKG2+ cells and T cells; Group III - claims 16-17 drawn to the embodiment of a method of therapy; Group IV - claim 19 drawn to the